



State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce
Development

You're invited to the Milwaukee South LABOR LAW CLINIC!

- ◆ February 17, 2010 (Wednesday) ◆ 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Clarion Hotel and Conference Center ◆ Milwaukee, WI

Here Is What Will Be Offered	8:00 a.m. - Check-in 8:30 a.m. - KICKOFF 8:45 a.m. - <u>"Deciding Who Is Eligible for Unemployment Insurance Benefits"</u> <i>Laura Parker</i> 10:00 a.m. - Break 10:15 a.m. - <u>"Defining Misconduct Under Wisconsin's UI Law"</u> <i>Laura Parker</i> 11:45 a.m. - Lunch 12:30 p.m. - <u>"An Overview of Wisconsin's Labor Standards Laws"</u> <i>Paola Parodi</i> 1:45 p.m. - Break 2:00 p.m. - <u>"Understanding the Principles of Worker's Compensation Law"</u> <i>Sherman Mitchell</i> 3:15 p.m. - Wrap-up, adjournment
Time	Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. Program begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m.
Cost	\$77 per person. Substitutions allowed. PRICE INCLUDES: Juice, coffee, and rolls upon arrival, refreshments at breaks, and lunch; handouts for all presentations on the agenda.
Site	Clarion Hotel and Conference Center , 5311 S. Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53207. Phone: 414 481-2400.
Registration	Complete and return the form that appears below. Seating is limited, so early advance registration is recommended. No discounts allowed for multiple reservations, missed meals, etc. Note: Last day for refunds or cancellations is February 11, 2010. Registrations not cancelled by this date shall be subject to full payment of the registration fee. Contact IAWP at 414 354-7223 if you wish to confirm that your registration was received or to cancell. Please keep all of the above information for future reference and return only the reservation form below.

PLEASE RESERVE _____ SEATS at the Milwaukee Labor Law Clinic at \$77.00 each for a total of \$ _____
_Make checks payable to: IAWP

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Company/firm Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ phone _____

TO REGISTER: Mail this form together with payment to IAWP – Labor Law Clinic, 8364 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53223, **OR, FAX to IAWP** at 414 354-6946. **NOTE:** To ensure your registration is accepted, please send payment immediately.

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HERE'S WHAT WE'LL COVER!

8:45 a.m. “Deciding Who Is Eligible for Unemployment Insurance Benefits” Provides an overview of the primary issues affecting employee eligibility and employer liability for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Includes a discussion of quits, discharges, offers of work, work available, and how terms such as “able to work” and “available for work” are defined by UI. Offers an opportunity for the audience to ask, and get answers to, questions about how and why UI benefits are paid.

10:15 a.m. “Defining Misconduct Under Wisconsin’s UI Law” Identifies the factors used by UI staff and the courts to define misconduct which can result in a claimant’s disqualification for UI benefits. Covers what is and isn’t a termination for misconduct, including absenteeism, dishonesty, and violation of company rules. Also covers the basic elements which UI considers in its investigation of a discharge issue, what information UI requests from employers and claimants, and their appeal rights.

12:30 p.m. “An Overview of Wisconsin’s Labor Standards Laws” Focuses on issues relating to overtime, hours of work, wage payment requirements, and minimum wage. Also includes a discussion of child labor. Time permitting, also provides information on topics such as the Business Closing/Mass Layoff Notification law and personnel records.

2:00 p.m. “Understanding the Principles of Worker’s Compensation Law” Focuses both on an overview of the key principles underlying the WC system and on practical, useful ideas for employers to implement in handling WC claims. Includes advice on establishing an effective injury reporting process, receiving employee accident reports, communicating with WC insurance carriers, investigating reports of work-related injuries, and steps to follow when presenting evidence on behalf of employers at hearings.

HERE ARE YOUR PRESENTERS!

LAURA PARKER has been with the Unemployment Insurance Division since 2001. She worked as an adjudicator and is currently employed by the Division as a Disputed Claims Analyst. In this capacity, she assists in the development of laws and policies for Unemployment Insurance, trains adjudicators, evaluates decisions using state and federal guidelines, and provides technical assistance on complex claims. She also responds to inquiries from employers, claimants, and the legislature, as well as testifying at Unemployment Insurance appeal hearings. Laura Parker is a 1997 graduate of University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a BA degree in Human Development and in Public Administration.

PAOLA PARODI began employment with the State of Wisconsin in February 2006. She currently works as a labor standards investigator in the Equal Rights Division in Milwaukee. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Government and International Relations, and then from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

SHERMAN MITCHELL has been an Administrative Law Judge in the Worker’s Compensation Division for 25 years. He is the Chief Attorney and Supervisor of the Milwaukee and Appleton Hearings Offices. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications and Journalism from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in 1977, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1982.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST CLINIC?

THIS DAYLONG CLINIC will include speakers from the Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, and Worker’s Compensation Divisions with detailed information and practical guidance to help employers avoid violating state laws and rules in the topic areas on the Clinic agenda. This educational program contains information that will help employers prepare for state agency hearings and other administrative proceedings, if they become necessary.

YOU’LL ALSO GET the latest information about any recent developments in court cases affecting these topics. You’ll have lots of opportunities to ask questions of the experts who administer the laws and programs. And we’ll have DWD literature to help you during and after the Clinic with these and other DWD-administered programs.

THIS CLINIC IS DESIGNED TO BE OF MOST HELP to persons needing an initial orientation to these topics or who wish to reconfirm their understanding of the basics. It also is designed for those who have specific questions to ask the speakers about the basic or more complex aspects of the programs.

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